

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 956

Introduced by Assembly Member Coto

February 18, 2005

An act to add Section 17070.96 to the Education Code, relating to school facilities.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 956, as introduced, Coto. School facilities: regional occupational centers.

Existing law, the Leroy F. Greene School Facilities Act of 1998, requires the State Allocation Board to allocate to applicant school districts, prescribed per-unhoused-pupil state funding for construction and modernization of school facilities, including hardship funding, and supplemental funding for site development and acquisition.

Existing law deems the Joint Powers Southern California Regional Occupational Center and the Joint Powers Central County Occupational Center to be school districts for prescribed facility maintenance funding purposes.

This bill would deem regional occupational centers to be school districts for school modernization funding purposes of the Leroy F. Greene School Facilities Act of 1998 if the centers would not otherwise qualify for school modernization funding.

The bill would require the State Allocation Board to adopt specified regulations in this regard and would make a regional occupational center ineligible for financial hardship assistance.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 17070.96 is added to the Education
2 Code, to read:

3 17070.96. (a) A regional occupational center shall be deemed
4 to be a school district for the purposes of applying for
5 modernization project funding pursuant to this chapter. A
6 regional occupational center shall be deemed a school district
7 pursuant to this section only if it would not otherwise qualify for
8 state funding for modernization of its facilities. Only enrollment,
9 including projected enrollment, in kindergarten and grades 1 to
10 12, inclusive, may be counted for eligibility determinations for
11 this purpose.

12 (b) For the purposes of this section, the board shall adopt
13 regulations to calculate the enrollment of pupils at regional
14 occupational centers, in a manner that reflects the number of
15 pupils present during one regional occupational center session.

16 (c) Modernization projects for regional occupational centers
17 are eligible only for school facilities program funding approved
18 by the voters after January 1, 2006.

19 (d) For the purposes of this section, a qualified regional
20 occupational center is not eligible for financial hardship
21 assistance for facility modernization.

22 (e) For the purposes of this section, “session” means a
23 program of instruction that qualifies for a minimum day for
24 regional occupational center pupils.

25 (f) The board, in conjunction with the department, shall review
26 projected costs resulting from this section. By January 1, 2007,
27 the board shall report to the Legislature the results of the review.